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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

LOCK STEP: This is no futuristic scenario

By F. William Engdahl

Every day world mainstream news reports more people in more countries diagnosed "positive" for the coronavirus illness, now called COVID-19. As the reported numbers grow, so does widespread nervousness, often in the form of panic shopping for masks, disinfections, toilet paper, canned goods. We are told to accept the testing results as science-based. While it is next to impossible to get a full picture of what is taking place in China, the center of the novel virus storm, there is a process, being fed by mainstream media accounts and genuine panic in populations unclear what the real dangers are, that has alarming implications for the post-pandemic future....

Here it is useful to go back to a highly relevant report published a decade ago by the Rockefeller Foundation, one of the world's leading backers of eugenics, and creators of GMO among other things.

The report in question has the bland title, "Scenarios for the Future of Technology and International Development." It was published in May 2010 in cooperation with the Global Business Network of futurologist Peter Schwartz. The report contains various futurist scenarios developed by Schwartz and company. One scenario carries the intriguing title, "LOCK STEP: A world of tighter top-down government control and more authoritarian leadership, with limited innovation and growing citizen pushback." Here it gets interesting as in what some term predictive programming.

The Schwartz scenario states, "In 2012, the pandemic that the world had been anticipating for years

finally hit. Unlike 2009's H1N1, this new influenza strain — originating from wild geese — was extremely virulent and deadly. Even the most pandemic-prepared nations were quickly overwhelmed when the virus streaked around the world, infecting nearly 20 percent of the global population and killing 8 million in just seven months..." He continues, "The pandemic also had a deadly effect on economies: international mobility of both people and goods screeched to a halt, debilitating industries like tourism and breaking global supply chains. Even locally, normally bustling shops and office buildings sat empty for months, devoid of both employees and customers." This sounds eerily familiar.

Then the scenario gets very interesting: "During the pandemic, national leaders around the world flexed their authority and imposed airtight rules and restrictions, from the mandatory wearing of face masks to body-temperature checks at the entries to communal spaces like train stations and supermarkets. Even after the pandemic faded, this more authoritarian control and oversight of citizens and their activities stuck and even intensified. In order to protect themselves from the spread of increasingly global problems — from pandemics and transnational terrorism to environmental crises and rising poverty — leaders around the world took a firmer grip on power."

A relevant question is whether certain bad actors, and there are some in this world, are opportunistically using the widespread fears around the COVID-19 to advance an agenda of "lock step" top down social control, one that would include stark limits on travel, perhaps replacing of cash by "sanitary" electronic cash, mandatory vaccination even though the

long term side effects are not proven safe, unlimited surveillance and the curtailing of personal freedoms such as political protests on the excuse it will allow "identification of people who refuse to be tested or vaccinated," and countless other restrictions. Much of the Rockefeller 2010 scenario is already evident. Fear is never a good guide to sound reason.

-- journal-neo.org 10.03.2020

The top 10 household essentials to fight coronavirus

In light of the recent coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, people are taking precautions to stock their homes with all the supplies they might need to disinfect surfaces and keep their hands clean.

We've rounded up 10 of the most essential household products to have during the coronavirus outbreak.

1. Hand sanitizer and wipes

The CDC recommends using hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol content. Some contain an alcohol substitute known as benzalkonium chloride, which isn't as effective. Or, you could just make your own, especially since the World Health Organization (WHO) just put together this do-it-yourself guide. Word of caution though—their step-by-step instructions do require 96% ethyl alcohol.

2. Hand soap

One of the best things you can do to prevent the spread of coronavirus is to wash your hands frequently: scrubbing them after you use the bathroom, ride public transportation, blow your nose, cough, or sneeze, before you eat. The American Red Cross recommends that you wash your hands for at least 20 seconds in order to effectively clean them. While

antibacterial soap is crucial, just regular hand-washing is a crucial way to stop germs from spreading.

3. Toilet Paper

During emergencies, toilet paper always seems to be the first thing to go out of stock. We ranked the Charmin Ultra Soft as the No. 1 toilet paper but you're better off taking what you can get—even if it's one-ply.

4. Paper Towels

They're not eco-friendly and they're expensive, but the fact that paper towels are disposable actually could make them beneficial to have. The CDC recommends them for cleaning and disinfecting homes, just in case.

5. Cleaning wipes

One of the top disinfectants on the EPA's list is Clorox Disinfecting Wipes. Made to kill up to 99.9% of surface bacteria and viruses, these wipes are essential to have around the house right now.

6. Dish Soap

The CDC recommends that those who are affected by the coronavirus should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, or utensils. After these dishes have been used, they should be washed thoroughly with soap and water. When we tested the best dish soap, Dawn Ultra was the clear winner. Not only does it cut through grease, but it's a great disinfectant as well.

7. Trash bags

If you find yourself at home for an extended period of time, you're going to find yourself accumulating a ton of trash—and you're going to want enough garbage bags to contain it. Plus, you want one that's not going to rip once it's filled to the brim. Glad ForceFlexPlus is the best trash bag we've ever tested for their superior strength and odor-blocking material.

The CDC also recommends, dedicating a lined trash bag for anyone impacted by coronavirus as well as when removing garbage bags and disposing trash. Also, remember to wash your hands after disposing it.

8. Disinfectant spray and cleaner

Similar to cleaning wipes, disinfectant spray can help clear surfaces of harmful bacteria and potentially guard against the spread of coronavirus. The CDC recommends household cleaners with at least 70% alcohol.

9. Laundry detergent

The ARC recommends having plenty of detergent. Our top pick for best laundry detergent is Persil ProClean Liquid Laundry Detergent, since it was better than Tide Original in our testing for getting rid of stains.

10. Tissues

Although the major symptoms of coronavirus include a dry cough, fever, and shortness of breath, according to the CDC, it's always a good idea to have tissues. You could wind up with a runny nose due to allergies or get the cold or flu. We found that Puffs Ultra Soft are the best tissue and won't irritate your nose.

-- USA Today March 9, 2020

Ed.: We'd get some chlorine bleach too. it's reported to be an effective disinfectant and sanitizer.

Save the Electoral College A National Grassroots Petition to Donald Trump, President of the United States, and All Members of the 116th Congress

WHEREAS: The Founding Fathers recognized the need to give every state, large or small, equal standing in Presidential Elections.

WHEREAS: The Founders created the Electoral College and made it Article II, Section 1, and the 12th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS: The goal of the movement to eliminate the Electoral College is to disenfranchise voters in smaller and rural states, while giving the power to elect the President to densely populated urban areas.

WHEREAS: The movement threatens our well-established, peaceful transition of power.

WHEREAS: It is therefore imperative that President Trump and Members of the 116th Congress to take immediate steps to ensure that the role of the Electoral College in presidential elections continues, and voters in smaller states and rural areas are not subject to the "tyranny of the majority" that President John Adams predicted.

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As you read this, the Left's movement to end the Electoral College is gaining serious momentum in state legislatures and in the U.S. Congress.

Fifteen states and Washington, D.C., have already enacted laws to give their electoral votes to the winner of the popular vote. They total 196 electoral votes. It takes 270 electoral votes to win the White House.

That means a razor-thin margin of only 74 Electoral College votes is all that stands between the direct popular vote movement and making your vote irrelevant. **If they reach 270, the Electoral College is dead!**

The Electoral College was created to prevent what John Adams

called the "tyranny of the majority." Alexander Hamilton shared that fear in a letter to Thomas Jefferson during the Constitutional Convention. Hamilton feared direct democracy would be used "by the majority to elect a demagogue who, rather than work for the benefit of all citizens, set out to either harm those in the minority or work only for those of the upper echelons or population centers."

Of the 3,100 counties and jurisdictions in America, Donald Trump won a whopping 2,600, while Hillary Clinton won only 500. But those 500 counties included the 88 most-populated counties in the nation, including Los Angeles County with more than 10 million people.

If we can't stop this effort to eliminate the Electoral College, a handful of massively populated areas – primarily along the East and West Coasts – will decide the presidency for decades to come!

Presidential candidates will spend all their time and energy trying to win votes only in major population centers like New York City and Los Angeles. *Smaller states and counties will be ignored because their voice just won't count anymore.* -- The Heritage Foundation, March, 2020

Court says Trump administration can withhold money in 'sanctuary cities' fight

The Trump administration can withhold federal money from seven states, as well as New York City, over their [lack of] cooperation on immigration enforcement, the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday.

This reversed a lower court ruling that blocked the Justice Department from withholding a key law enforcement grant the department said was available only to cities that complied with specific immigration enforcement measures.

So-called "sanctuary cities," limit cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities.

The city of New York is a plaintiff in the lawsuit, along with New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Washington, Massachusetts, Virginia and Rhode Island.

Judge Reena Raggi noted in Wednesday's ruling that the conditions on federal grants put forth by the administration in part help the government enforce national immigration laws and rejected the notion

that the conditions "intrude on powers reserved to the States."

The requirements include allowing federal immigration authorities access to jails and providing the Department of Homeland Security advance notice before local officials release an undocumented immigrant wanted by federal authorities. -
- cnn.com Feb. 26, 2020

NY: 13th State Giving Illegals Drivers' Licenses

In December 2019 New York became the 13th state in the U.S. to give illegal immigrants drivers' licenses. More than 500,000 are expected to qualify, and all they need is an expired passport, consulate identification or license from their country of origin.

Besides New York, a dozen states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws to allow illegal immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. They include California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Vermont and Washington. In 2019 Florida, Kansas, Minnesota and North Carolina introduced legislation to grant illegal immigrants drivers' licenses, but it's not clear if it will pass.

-- Judicial Watch, Verdict, March 2020

The China Spy Scandal That Entangled Harvard Could Hit Yale and MIT Next

"Lurking Giants" is the code name for a federal investigation into the country's most prestigious universities that have received gifts and contracts—unreported—largely from governments hostile to the U.S. The alleged theft of U.S. taxpayer-funded research has been called a threat to homeland security.

Federal law enforcement sources tell *Newsweek* that last month's arrest of Charles Lieber, the Chair of Harvard University's Chemistry and Chemical Biology Department, is just "the first domino to fall."

Lieber allegedly put U.S. secrets at risk by collecting \$15 million in DOD and NIH grants for his work as a Harvard professor while simultaneously working as a Thousand Talents Program researcher for Beijing.

Prosecutors say Lieber created a bank account in China to hide the \$50,000 monthly stipend he was getting from the Chinese and the \$158,000 he received for living expenses connected to his travel to the

shadow lab he created at the Wuhan University of Technology.

Academic institutions are now waiting for the next shoes to drop.

"Through the use of not only traditional intelligence officers, but academics, researchers, and other private citizens, China is engaged in a massive, long-term campaign to steal U.S. research and technology for its own uses," Massachusetts U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling said.

Institutions are required to report any foreign gifts under the Higher Education Act. Ten schools have since reported \$3.6 billion in foreign gifts, the Department of Education said, but there are still ongoing investigations into monies that poured into Harvard and Yale.

In 2019 MIT, Cornell, Georgetown, Rutgers, and Texas A&M were told by the DOE that they were being targeted for being in violation of disclosure law.

A Yale spokeswoman said the university's "oversight" did lead to a gap between 2014 to 2017 in the mandated reporting of foreign funding. "Yale takes very seriously the importance of ensuring that funding from foreign sources does not in any way compromise American interests," Karen Peart said. Yale does not conduct classified research.

Weeks after MIT biology professor Jianzhu Chen was questioned by immigration officials after returning from China, MIT President Rafael Reif posted an open letter to the university community that raised questions about whether Chinese scientists were being unfairly targeted by federal investigators.

The fear of academic espionage is nothing new. In 2018, the DOJ created a federal task to identify Chinese military officers embedded in academia, such as two researchers who are currently under indictment in Boston.

Lelling's office unsealed a federal indictment against Yanqing Ye, a grad student at Boston University's Department of Physics, Chemistry, and Biomedical Engineering. Federal prosecutors said Ye hid her position as a top lieutenant of China's People's Liberation Army on immigration forms. Ye is believed to have fled to China.

In December, another researcher whose visa was sponsored by Harvard University, Zaosong Zheng, was arrested for allegedly stealing 21 vials of biological materials from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, wrapping them in his socks, and trying to smuggle them to China in his checked

baggage. Zheng has been held without bail since his arrest in December.

There are federal prosecutions of academics ongoing across the country.

A UCLA grad student studying electrical engineering was caught trying to smuggle apparatus for war missile guidance. A Chinese student at the Chicago Institute of Technology was charged with helping his country recruit new spies at his school. A chemistry professor at the University of Kansas was charged with duping the U.S. by taking grants for research he had already completed in China.

The arrests have raised concerns about ethnic targeting.

In late February, two Democratic lawmakers, Reps. Jamie Raskin of Maryland and California Congresswoman Judy Chu, sent a letter to the FBI demanding answers on whether Chinese researchers are being ethnically victimized. --

newsweek.com 2/29/20

Into the Wild: Why tourists are risking their lives to visit a bus

Almost 30 years ago, a young American graduate gave all his belongings to charity and set off into the wilderness, alone, to invent a new life for himself.

After reaching Alaska, Chris McCandless, aka Alexander Supertramp, settled in an abandoned bus usually used by hunters. He was living his dream of living off the land. But within four months, he had died.

His diary entries inspired a book and then a film, both titled *Into the Wild*.

The bus is found deep in central Alaska, at the northern end of Denali National Park. The closest town is about 30 miles away and to reach it, visitors have to cross the fast-flowing Teklanika River.

Two people have died trying to do so. The most recent was Veramika Maikamava, 24, who was killed when she was swept underwater last July.

There were 15 bus-related search and rescue operations by the state between 2009 and 2017. So what keeps people coming to the bus despite the danger?

"There's the idea of running away from society and not being bound by what everybody wants from you and getting lost in the wilderness and connect with yourself again," Martina Treskova tells the BBC.

"My dad was asking me, 'so you basically slept on a bed where

somebody died?' and I said 'yeah', but it didn't feel like that. We felt connected to him and felt really happy there."

McCandless was passionate about leading an outdoor life. In the months after selling his belongings, he kayaked a section of the Colorado river and hitchhiked his way across the US.

It was this passion for travel and the outdoors that enticed Gavin Brennan to pick up the book 'Into the Wild' by Jon Krakauer. He said, "My Alaskan journey had many twists and turns from snowstorms to moose encounters and bear prints. I left my book on Chris's bed in the bus vowing never to return and my journey into the Alaskan wilderness was done."

Some locals, however, view it differently.

"I would say that most people who live out here want the bus gone," Jon Nierenberg told the Anchorage Daily News. "It was good to have it there in case someone got into trouble and needed an emergency shelter."

These days, the bus is in poor shape: the number on its side has been shot out and the windows are all gone.

"The roof is starting to rust through, meaning that it won't be long before it's unusable as a backcountry shelter," said Paxson Woebler, an Alaskan who has his own website about trekking in the state.

A brewery in Healy has already installed a duplicate of the bus which was used in the film. Tourists short on time choose to venture there instead of trekking to the original. --

www.bbc.co.uk 1 March 2020

Man Gets More Than 5 Years' Prison For Harassing Parkland Victims

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A California man who is on the autism spectrum was sentenced Monday to more than five years in prison for cyberstalking families of Parkland, Florida, school shooting victims.

U.S. District Judge Rodolfo Ruiz imposed the sentence on 22-year-old Brandon Fleury of Santa Ana, California, rejecting the maximum 20-year sentence.

Between December 2018 and January 2019, Fleury used several Instagram accounts to threaten and harass families of victims of the Valentine's Day 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which left 17 dead and 17 wounded.

In some messages, he claimed kinship with and even impersonated shooting defendant Nikolas Cruz. In

others, he invoked the names of infamous serial killers such as Ted Bundy.

"I killed your loved ones hahaha," one message said. "Did you like my Valentines gift? I killed your friends," said another.

There was ample testimony at Fleury's trial that he is autistic, although several mental health experts said he did understand right from wrong.

Meanwhile, Cruz, 21, faces the death penalty. His lawyers have said he would plead guilty in exchange for a life prison sentence, but prosecutors have rejected the offer. — 03/03/2020

Former Prisoner Recalls Sanders Saying, 'I Don't Know What's So Wrong' With Cuba

Alan Gross, a prisoner in Cuba for five years during the Obama administration, is accusing Sen. Bernie Sanders of commending the communist country when he came to visit him behind bars.

Sanders visited Cuba as part of a congressional delegation in 2014, along with Sens. Heidi Heitkamp and Jon Tester.

During the one-hour meeting, Sanders told the prisoner that he didn't understand why others criticized Cuba.

"He said, quote: 'I don't know what's so wrong with this country,' " Gross recalled.

Sanders' campaign declined to comment about the meeting with Gross, and Tester said he did not recall the discussion.

Sanders has long faced criticism for remarks he has made about autocratic governments.

During an interview with 60 Minutes last week, Sanders gave qualified praise to deceased Cuban leader Fidel Castro, citing the country's high literacy rate.

This follows other positive comments Sanders has made about dictatorial regimes in Cuba, Nicaragua and the Soviet Union over the course of his decades-long political career.

Gross, who now says he opposes Sanders' campaign for president, was arrested in December 2009 after completing a U.S. Agency for International Development subcontract. He was in Cuba working to expand Internet access to the country's small Jewish community, beyond the restrictive Internet regulations set by the Castro government.

He spent 1,841 days in detention, during which he lost five teeth and over 100 pounds. He also said his

interrogators threatened to pull out his fingernails and to hang him.

He was ultimately released by Cuba in exchange for the U.S. government releasing three Cubans convicted of spying.

Gross said he had a pleasant conversation with Heitkamp and Tester, while Sanders remained mostly quiet for the duration of their one-hour meeting.

But near the end, the Vermont senator offered a comment to the detained American, saying he didn't see what was so wrong with the country.

Gross, as a prisoner in that country, said he took offense to the remark.

"I just think, you know, it was a stupid thing for him to do," Gross told NPR. "First, how could he not have seen the incredible deterioration of what was once the grandeur of the pre-Castro era. And two, how could he be so insensitive to make that remark to a political hostage — me!" -- www.npr.org March 4, 2020

Bump Stock Ban: Denial of Certiorari in *Guedes v. BATFE*

By Dean Weingarten

In 2019, in response to a single criminal act, [the killing by a Las Vegas sniper of at least 50 people and injuring more than 500 in 2017], faced with intense media pressure, resulting in political pressure, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, (BATFE) moved to ban bump stocks. They did so, claiming bump stocks were machine guns, contrary to numerous findings they had made over the last several decades.

The new regulation was challenged in the courts. On 2 March, 2020, the Supreme Court denied a writ of certiorari, the legal term to say they declined to hear the case....

The doctrine the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia used to uphold the [bump stock ban] regulation is called the Chevron doctrine. It essentially says bureaucracies may interpret vague laws to make specific regulations.

-- jfpo.org March 6, 2020

Review: *America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers... and the Future of the U.S.* by Cal Thomas

What is wrong with America today? Is it possible that America could crumble and our democracy fail?

Questions like these plague Americans and cause us to be anxious about the future of the "land that we

love." Individuals may come to different conclusions, but there seems to be a common thread - the deep-seated feeling that we need to improve our country. Our culture is increasingly immoral, the family structure is threatened from all sides, and government programs consistently overreach, creating massive debt.

In this powerful and prophetic book, nationally syndicated columnist and trusted political commentator Cal Thomas offers a diagnosis of what exactly is wrong with the United States by drawing parallels to once-great empires and nations that declined into oblivion. Citing the historically proven 250-year pattern of how superpowers rise and fall, he predicts that America's expiration date is just around the corner and shows us how to escape their fate.

Through biblical insights and hard-hitting truth, he reminds us that real change comes when America looks to God instead of Washington. Scripture, rather than politics, is the GPS he uses to point readers to the right road - a road of hope, life, and change. Because, he says, if we're willing to seek God first, learn from history, and make changes at the individual and community level, we can not only survive, but thrive, again.

This powerful, timely, and much-needed perspective is a must-read for anyone who longs for a promising future for our great nation.

-- Amazon.com book blurb March 2020

The 2d Amendment: Let's Take It Back

A New Jersey based USAF Veteran has launched a series of original short films designed to combat anti-gun rights rhetoric. The first film is available now and titled: "The 2nd Amendment - Let's Take it Back", it can be seen on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/dv6NOL6AeFQ> The film is part of a series featuring 41 average Americans, all of whom volunteered their time because they believe wholeheartedly in the project.

The film series crosses political, racial, and socio-economic lines to give regular citizens a voice and put a face to Americans who support Gun Rights. The film's writer/director, Anthony Smith states: "Bloomberg and other politicians have worked tirelessly to demonize a Civil Right that belongs to every American; I will make my best effort to humanize us at an equal level." The project was filmed in NJ at the Union Hill Gun Club and Gun for Hire range.

Smith's reason for undertaking the project in his own words: "My civil rights were unjustly attacked the moment NJ instituted a 10 round magazine limitation in 2018, and I felt as though something to reach and influence millions needed to be done. This is my answer."

The entire film series is designed to transmit a positive message about Civil Rights that will reach average Americans through an organic grass roots sharing effort. The series took 5 months to film. "If you believe in the 2nd Amendment, and you're an average American - please share the video. I made this for all of us" stated Anthony Smith. The first release, titled: "The 2nd Amendment - Let's Take it Back" was created to convey the following 4 items:

- Put human faces to the 2nd Amendment and Civil Rights
- Encourage Americans to take possession of the 2nd Amendment - they are our rights, and belong to the people
- Make the statement that now is the time to take those rights back, because they are threatened like never before
- Leave the audience with the question: "How do we take our rights back?"

"2A Productions was founded to create gripping media that positively represents our Civil Right to Keep and Bear Arms. It's goal is to positively influence the perception of the 2nd Amendment through Education, Activism, Marketing, & Entertainment. Lastly, to insure Civil Rights remain our focus and that partisan politics, racism, and discrimination never have a presence in our work to insure we all have Equal Civil Rights."-- 2aproductions.com March 10, 2020

New Orleans mayor issues order allowing ban on gun sales

New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell (D) signed a coronavirus emergency order saying she is "empowered, if necessary, to suspend or limit the sale of alcoholic beverages, firearms, explosives, and combustibles."

On March 16, 2020, the Second Amendment Foundation reminded Cantrell that they sued over Second Amendment infringement following Hurricane Katrina and will do so during the era of coronavirus if needed.

SAF executive vice president Alan Gottlieb said: "Following Hurricane Katrina, we sued the city when then-Mayor Ray Nagin's administration began confiscating

firearms from law-abiding citizens for no good reason. The federal court ordered the city to cease confiscations.

"We sued New Orleans then, and we'll do it again. The presence of a nasty disease does not suspend any part of the Bill of Rights, no matter what some municipal, state or even federal politician may think. Taking steps to prevent [coronavirus] from infecting more people has nothing at all to do with the exercise of the right to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment...."

On March 14, 2020, Breitbart News reported that Champaign, Illinois, Mayor Deborah Frank Feinen (D) issued an emergency coronavirus order that gives her the power to halt ammunition and firearm sales in the city.-- breitbartnews.com March 17, 2020

Bloomberg knocking at your door

Dear GOA Member,

That sound you hear is Michael Bloomberg knocking at your door.

He's just four Senate seats away from enacting national gun confiscation, and he has a plan to snatch your guns.

Bloomberg says he's going to spend \$60 MILLION in the next few months to pack Congress with anti-gun radicals.

That's TWICE what he spent in 2018, when he flipped 41 U.S. House seats and elected two anti-gunners to the Senate.

Now he's targeting the four Senate seats he needs for national gun confiscation - and he's pouring twice as much cash into a plan that has already worked.

All you need to do is look at what's happening in Virginia. They had their legislative elections last year.

Bloomberg spent \$2.5 million and completely flipped the state legislature.

His massive, and strategic, spending seized seats that had been reliably pro-gun for years.

They're now approving every gun grab you can imagine!

Now he's planning to do something 30 times bigger to Congress!

Help GOA fight back!

We don't have Bloomberg's billions.

But we do have you.

So please, take just a moment to give what you feel you can afford.

Thank you, and we hope to see your response soon.
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Second Amendment Sanctuary Movement Spreads Like Wildfire

GOA spokespeople, members and activists have been working around the country to push for Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinances. As of the end of January, over 500 counties, cities, and towns have passed SASOs or sanctuary resolutions in 29 separate states. GAO has assembled an activism kit for those wishing to bring a Sanctuary to their community – a kit which includes a model ordinance with “teeth.” The draft ordinance prohibits funds from being used to enforce gun control and imposes penalties on those who violate the ordinance. The kit can be found at gunownersaction.org/SASO.-- GOA Member Report March 6, 2020

Gun sales rise as coronavirus fears trigger personal safety concerns

Anxious shoppers snatching up guns and ammo to gird for potential chaos related to the coronavirus pandemic are leading in some cases to long lines, short supplies, and purchase limits.

Some customers are feeding a self-fulfilling prophecy of artificial shortage, buying up firearms for protection because they're afraid others will empty the shelves first.

Others are looking to protect themselves from fellow shoppers as tempers flare due to grocery stores stripped of the essentials.

Long lines have been reported at gun shops across the country.

The Martin B. Retting firearms store in Culver City, California announced it was too busy to conduct firearms safety certifications classes.

Owner Dan Retting told NBC News the store was restricting the number of people allowed inside to 25 customers at a time. The store also

implemented a waiting list and asking customers to come back at appointed times.

Hyatt Guns of Charlotte, North Carolina, which bills itself as “America’s Largest Gun Shop,” has seen sales surges for handguns, shotguns, and AR-style rifles bought for personal defense, and especially ammunition, “to unprecedented levels,” said Justin Anderson, the store’s director of marketing, surpassing holiday rush buying.

“Most of what we’re hearing is fear and uncertainty,” said Anderson. “Our customers want to be able to protect themselves and their families and they want to ensure they have the means to do so.”

Online ammunition site Ammo.com reported a 70 percent increase in sales.

Over 5.5 million background checks were conducted in January and February, according to FBI data, 1 million more than during the same period last year. Gun sales typically increase in election years, but this year’s figures are still an increase of nearly 350,000 over 2016.

Betsy Terrell, a 61-year-old resident of Decatur, Georgia, said she finally decided to get a handgun after seeing chaos at her local Costco, with long lines and people stockpiling goods.

She feels the metro Atlanta area already has a lot of crime. She’s worried that if the economy tanks, crime will rise even more.

“I was beginning to see people acting oddly. That was a little unnerving,” she said. “I feel there’s potential political upheaval.”

Ed Turner, who owns Ed’s Public Safety in Stockbridge, Georgia, said sales were up five times the usual volume. “Worst day on the stock market since 1987 and shelves getting bare apparently have got everyone’s attention,” he said.

In the 27 years he’s been in business, he said, “I’ve never seen it like this. ... This is self-preservation. This is panic. This is ‘I won’t be able to protect my family from the hordes and the

walking dead.” – NBC News March 17, 2020

People panic buying firearms are adding ‘gasoline to a fire’

Gun control advocacy groups have warned those seen panic buying firearms and ammunition amid the coronavirus outbreak that they are risking bringing in a “different danger right through their front door.”

Kris Brown, President of the Brady gun control group, said she is “very fearful” that the number of friendly fire incidents involving children could dramatically increase as millions of children are not currently at school.

Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, said the presence of guns also increases the risks of suicide and domestic violence.

Watts suggested people should “wash their hands and lock up their guns.”

David Chipman, Senior Policy Advisor for gun control group Giffords said, “Spend the \$500 on groceries and stronger dead bolts for the exterior doors of your home.”

Chipman said the country’s current gun laws allow people to hoard weapons in the same way they are able to mass buy toilet paper.

“I’ve been in the business for 10 years and I’ve never seen it like this,” Mark Healy, the owner of a self-titled dealership in Tempe, Arizona, said. “Not even after the shooting at Sandy Hook when they were talking about taking guns away.”

Earlier this week, Brandon Burns, who owns Spartan Arms & Range Supplies in Las Vegas, uploaded a video onto the store’s Facebook page showing how his stock was almost entirely depleted.

“No handguns, no rifles, no ammunition, no 9mm, no 40mm, no .45, no 5.56, no .22, no twelve-gauge, no twenty-gauge, we don’t have it.... Things are not normal right now,” Burns said in the clip which has since been viewed more than five million times online.

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